

PUBLIC NOTICE

Proposed Area of Potential Effects for US Filter Westates Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

US Filter Westates is a hazardous waste treatment facility on the Colorado River Indian Reservation near Parker, Arizona. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in the process of making a permit decision at Westates.

As part of the permit decision, EPA must comply with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA). In compliance with the NHPA, EPA is proposing an Area of Potential Effects for our permit decision at Westates. We are asking the public for comments on this proposal.

The proposed Area of Potential Effects is one of the first steps in EPA's evaluation under Section 106 of the NHPA. Comments from the public will help EPA determine the Area of Potential Effects.

EPA must identify any historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects that may be affected by operations at Westates. The term "historic properties" includes properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to an Indian Tribe. Effects from Westates may include noise, visual effects, and air emissions containing hazardous constituents. Under the NHPA, EPA must then take possible adverse effects to historic properties into consideration.

The map to the right shows the proposed Area of Potential Effects. EPA is making this proposal after consultation with the Colorado River Indian Tribes, the Arizona State Historic Preservation Office, the Town of Parker, and US Filter Westates.

We are interested in hearing your comments on the proposed Area of Potential Effects.

If you have comments on the boundaries of the Area of Potential Effects, please let EPA know within 45 days of this public notice. Also, you may comment at any time during the process to advise us of any historic properties within the Area of Potential Effects.

To comment, you may write, email,
or call Karen Scheuermann at:

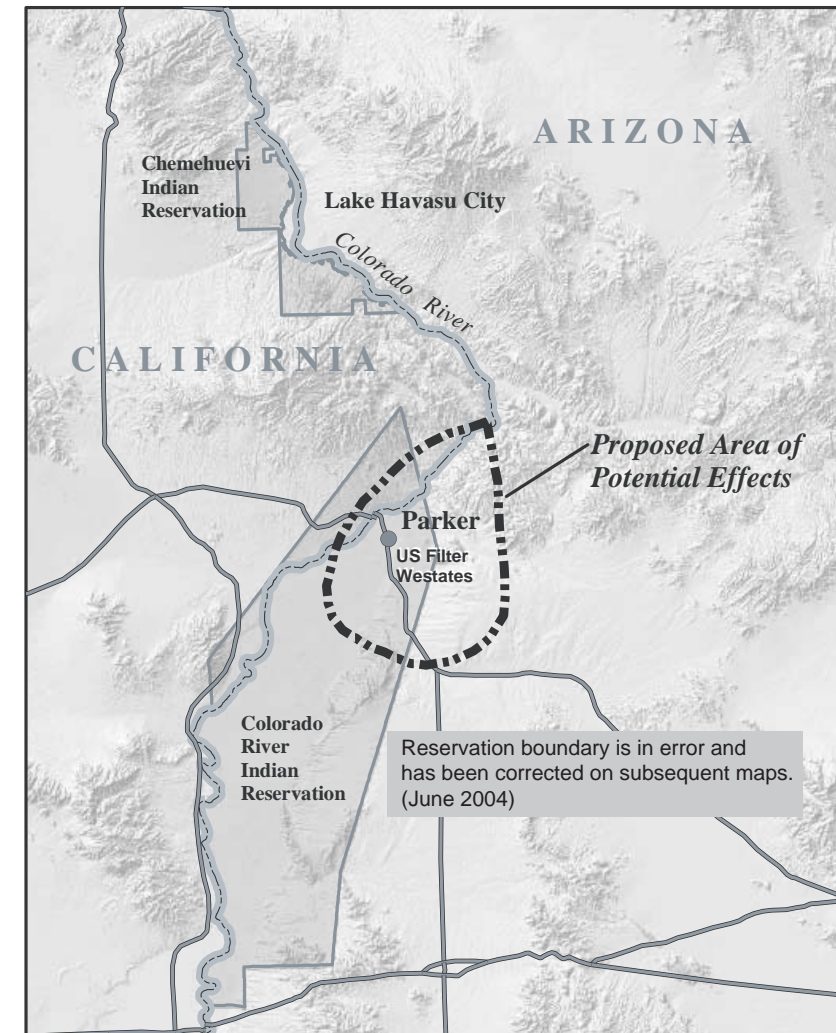
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Or you may leave a message on
EPA's toll-free number (800) 231-3075
and we will return your call.

In the future, EPA will publish separate public notices regarding other aspects of the permit decision at Westates, such as the upcoming Air Emissions Test and Risk Assessment, and the draft permit decision.



A detailed map and additional documents regarding the steps leading up to this proposal are available at the Parker Public Library and the Colorado River Indian Tribes Library. You may also find information about Westates and the National Historic Preservation Act at these libraries.